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SUBJECT: UNRWA ADVISORY COMMISSION (ADCOM) MEETING

REFS: A. BEIRUT 6283; B. BEIRUT 6111; C. BEIRUT 4414 (NOTAL)

1. WE RECEIVED MAY 21 FROM UNRWA HEADQUARTERS DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO ADCOM MEETING, THURS, MAY 29 AT 0900 LOCAL. MEETING IS CALLED ON INITIATIVE OF COMGEN RENNIE AND ASKS FOR COMPOSITION OF DELS OF VARIOUS MEMBERS OF ADCOM. WE PLAN HAVE FSO-4 W. NATHANIEL HOWEL REPRESENT USG.

2. PROVISIONAL AGENDA PROVIDED BY UNRWA IS AS FOLLOWS:

A) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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B) APPROVAL OF SUMMARY RECORD OF 21 MAR 1975 MEETING
(NOT YET AVAILABLE)

C) UNRWA'S FINANCIAL SITUATION IN 1975 AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR SERVICES: REAPPRAISAL (BASED ON COMGEN'S PAPER)

D) OTHER BUSINESS

3. WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED DOCUMENT (REFTEL B) PREPARED BY RENNIE OUTLINING UNRWA CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION AND SUGGESTING THREE OPTIONS AGENCY COULD FOLLOW IN TAILORING ITS OPERATIONS TO AVAILABLE INCOME. DOCUMENT, WHICH BEARS UNRWA "CONFIDENTIAL" SLUG, GENERALLY FOLLOWS THREE OPTIONS AS PREVIOUSLY OUTLINED BEIRUT 6111. WE ARE POUCHING COPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTS TO DEPT MAY 21 RPT 21.

4. ASIDE FROM OPTIONS SECTIONS (PARAS 5 THRU 10), RENNIE HAS INCLUDED PREAMBULAR SECTION (PARAS 1 THRU 4) IN WHICH HE REVIEW HIS MEMORANDUM DISTRIBUTED IN ADVANCE OF MAR 21 ADCOM SESSION AND SKETCHES HIS EFFORTS TO CARRY OUT RECOMMENDATION (BEIRUT 3511) RECEIVED FROM ADCOM ON THAT OCCASION. AFTER DESCRIBING HIS LATEST MEETING (MAY 6) WITH UNSYG WALDHEIM (PARA 6, REFTEL B), COMGEN CONCLUDES INTRODUCTION AS FOLLOWS: "GRIM REALITY IS THAT SINCE LAST MEETING OF ADCOM INCREASES IN CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE NOT RPT NOT BEEN RECEIVED OR PLEDGED ON ANYTHING LIKE SCALE REQUIRED. AFTER ADJUSTING ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF LOWER WORLD PRICE OF VFLOUR AND OF OTHER CHANGES, DEFICIT IS NOW ABOUT DOLS 23.1 MILLION (PROVIDED ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION OF DOLS 6 MILLION FROM US AUTHORIZED). AGENCY CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO DRIFT FURTHER INTO FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHAOS AND DECISIONS ON FUTURE LEVEL OF SERVICES MUST NOT BE TAKEN ON BASIS OF DEFICIT OF THIS ORDER."

5. IN FINAL PARASOF DOCUMENT, COMGEN MAKES FOLLOWING POINTS: "13. COMGEN RECOGNIZES THAT ALL THREE OPTIONS REPRESENT VERY DRASTIC COURSES OF ACTION WHICH WOULD INFLICT HARDSHIP ON REFUGEES, PREJUDICE FUTURE OF THEIR CHILDREN, AND CAUSE SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS IN HOST COUNTRIES AND ELSEWHERE. AS ADCOM KNOWS, THE COMGEN GAVE CLEAR WARN-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ING TO UNGA IN HIS REPORT FOR 1973-74 AND IN STATEMENTS IN SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF DANGER AHEAD IF EFFECTIVE MEASURES WERE NOT TAKEN TO ASSURE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

"14. ADVICE OF ADCOM IS REQUESTED ON WHICH OF THESE OPTIONS, OR WHAT OTHER OPTION, SHOULD BE ADOPTED."

6. RE REFTEL C, WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S BEST ESTIMATE RE

PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION RE ADDITIONAL DOLS 6 MILLION
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